

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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16. (Currently amended) A method of making a spine board, comprising:  
forming each of a pair of mating board portions together defining said board;  
thermo-welding one of said pair to another of said pair to define a hollow unitary board  
structure;

injecting foam into the interior of said unitary board structure through an ingress opening,  
while providing egress for air from said interior, until said foam fills said interior completely,  
and

[Sealing] sealing said ingress opening after said foam has completely filled the interior of  
said board.

17. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16, wherein the step of forming is a step  
of vacuum forming a thermoplastic material.

18. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16, wherein, in the step of injecting foam, said foam adheres to the interior of said unitary board structure, said unitary board structure being corrugated or rough textured to accept the foam, thereby avoiding delaminating of the structure itself.

19. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16, further including of positioning said unitary board structure in a secondary mold prior to injecting said foam.

20. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16, wherein said foam is urethane foam.

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